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June 17, 2014

Mr. Jared Blumenfeld
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Blumenfeld:

In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) initiative to speed action on revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), staff from U.S. EPA and the Air Resources Board (ARB) have been working with the staffs of California's air districts to prioritize items for U.S. EPA action and identify submittals no longer appropriate for inclusion in the SIP.

The sixteen Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) rules that comprise the Emergency Episode Plan (rules listed on Table 1, enclosed) were originally adopted and submitted into the California SIP in 1974 and were approved by U.S. EPA in 1980. At this time, the Kern District comprised all of Kern County, and the rules applied to the entire county. In 1992, the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County separated from the County District and joined other county air districts to form the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The eastern portion of Kern County became the Eastern Kern District. The Emergency Episode Plan rules had been used on rare occasions in the San Joaquin Valley portion of Kern County, but never in the District. On September 5, 1996, the District Board rescinded these rules.

Following the District action to rescind, ARB requested the withdrawal of the rescinded rules from the California SIP in a letter dated November 26, 1996 from Michael H. Scheible, ARB Deputy Executive Officer, to Felicia Marcus, U.S. EPA Region 9 Administrator. To date, U.S. EPA has not taken action to approve this request, and the rules have not been withdrawn from the SIP.

During recent discussions, U.S. EPA, ARB and District staff determined that retaining the District Emergency Episode Plan rules in the SIP would help strengthen the California Infrastructure SIP. Accordingly, in a May 27, 2014 letter from Glen E. Stephens, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control Officer, to Kurt Karperos, Chief of the ARB Air Quality Planning and Science Division, the District requested that ARB

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withdraw the request to rescind these rules from the California SIP. This action means the rules will remain in the SIP, and remain federally enforceable. We now formally withdraw the request to rescind the rules listed in Table 1 from the California SIP.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 445-5610, or via email at kkarpero@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Enclosures

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Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief
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Table 1

Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District Rules:

Withdrawal of Request to Rescind

Air District	Rule	Submittal Date	Description
Eastern Kern	601	11/26/96	General Statement
Eastern Kern	602	11/26/96	Applicable Areas
Eastern Kern	603	11/26/96	Episode Criteria Levels
Eastern Kern	604	11/26/96	Episode Stages
Eastern Kern	605	11/26/96	Division of Responsibility
Eastern Kern	606	11/26/96	Administration of Emergency Program
Eastern Kern	607	11/26/96	Advisory of High Air Pollution Potential
Eastern Kern	608	11/26/96	Declaration of Episode
Eastern Kern	609	11/26/96	Episode Action Health Advisory
Eastern Kern	609A	11/26/96	Episode Action Stage I
Eastern Kern	610	11/26/96	Episode Action Stage II
Eastern Kern	611	11/26/96	Episode Action Stage III
Eastern Kern	612	11/26/96	Episode Termination
Eastern Kern	613	11/26/96	Stationary Source Curtailment Plans and Traffic Abatement Plan
Eastern Kern	614	11/26/96	Episode Abatement Plan
Eastern Kern	615	11/26/96	Enforcement



Eastern Kern

Air Pollution Control District

Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer

May 27, 2014

Mr. Kurt Karperos, Chief
Air Quality Planning and Science Division
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Review of Outstanding Eastern Kern APCD SIP Submittals

Dear Mr. Karperos:

After discussion with staff from the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and Region 9 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District (District) has identified a number of rules that no longer need to be included in the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The District requests that ARB withdraw the following submittals from the SIP. These rules will continue to be enforced locally.

Rule	Title	Date Submitted to EPA
103	Confidential Information	07/23/96
106	Land Use	07/23/96
201.2	Synthetic Minor Sources	04/25/12
201.3	Federally Enforceable Limits on Potential to Emit	04/25/12

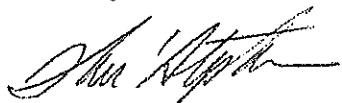
The District previously requested ARB rescind a number of rules that had been submitted to EPA as a SIP revision. The District requests ARB withdraw the request to rescind the rules listed below, thereby leaving these rules in the SIP.

Rule	Title	Date Submitted to EPA
601	General Statement	11/26/96
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604	Episode Stages	11/26/96
605	Division of Responsibility	11/26/96
606	Administration of Emergency Program	11/26/96
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612	Episode Termination	11/26/96
613	Stationary Source Curtailment Plans and Traffic Abatement Plan	11/26/96
614	Episode Abatement Plan	11/26/96
615	Enforcement	11/26/96

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeremiah Cravens AQS II at (661) 862-5250 or Cravensj@co.kern.ca.us.

Sincerely,



Glen E. Stephens, P.E.
Air Pollution Control Officer

GES: JC